# Women as Voters-Their Place in the Sun

## World Victory for Suffrage Is Near, 'I' 800 Women Believe

women who feel that victory is near to are assembled in St. Louis as delegates to the golden jubilee of the National Ameri- litical tricks and are not anxious to learn. can Woman Suffrage Association.

All the states are represented, and between those that are marked white on the suffrage map, indicating votes for women, and those marked black to indicate a benighted condition, with women deprived of the ballot, it is an even break: 24-24.

Missouri women are taking advantage of the big crowd of distinguished women visitors present in St. Louis at this time to make an intensive drive for the ballot while the state Legislature is in session. With the papers of the state devoting much space to the doings of the convention the time was propitious for some effective work at home, and suffragists are rejoicing here to-day over the granting by the Legislature of Presidential suffrage in

Brainy women among the delegates to the convention are urging the women to avoid party affiliations and to keep their political preferences a profound secret until the ballot has been obtained. The argument made by several of the speakers is that if the women declare themsleves in favor of the Republican party it will cause a chill among Democratic lawmakers, and on the other hand a declaration for the Centennial Democrats will be sure to alienate the G. O. P. legislators.

#### "Keep 'Em Guessing"

In other words, these suffrage leaders | the great original suffrage leader's birth. counsel the rank and file of women in the suffrage movement to keep the men guessing; an art that the average woman has mastered by the time she finds that her doll is stuffed with sawdust.

Victory in the offing is the keynote of the convention, and women who already have the ballot are cheering their voteless sisters with the assurance that it will be only a short time before a Federal act will make suffrage general to all women of the United States.

Miss Mary Garrett Hay, of New York, vice-president of the association, is one of the prominent women among the delegates who is strongly favorable to the Republi-

She is credited with being the presiding genius in the recent winning campaign ade by the women of New York, and at that time she advocated strict neutrality and succeeded in carrying on the campaign on a strictly non-partisan basis.

The New York campaign is fresh in the minds of the delegates and is "Exhibit A" with them as an example of efficient work. To women living in states where the ballot has not yet been given to both sexes the general advice is to win the fight first and then select your political affiliations.

Miss Hay has stated publicly that Missouri would be better off with two Senators like Selden P. Spencer, the Republican incumbent, who has declared himself in favor of equal suffrage.

Senator James A. Reed does not seem to marked up to be shot at with his brilliant invective is the cause of suffrage.

### North and South

Balance in Politics Some of the women at the convention , have openly denounced Missouri's senior Senator for his antagonism to their cause, but so far no resolutions to that effect have been adopted. This, however, would be strictly in fashion, for this is the open season in Missouri for Senator Reed, and he has been denounced so often for his activity against the league of nations that he begins to understand how Alderman "Bathhouse John," of Chicago, must have felt when he said he found himself persona "au gratin" in London, owing to his pro-Irish senti-

The sentiments of Miss Hay, of New York, favoring the Republican party, also the concurring expressions of many other Northern women, are offset by the political sentiments of Southern women, nearly all of whom are stanch Democrats of the 100 per cent loyal variety, who have not forgotten and never will forget the Civil War as they heard it from their mothers.

One of these Texas women is Mrs. Nonice Boren Mahoney, a daughter of Major B. N. Boren, of the Confederate army and a granddaughter of Samuel Hampson Boren, a veteran of the Mexican War. Her grandmother moulded bullets for the rifles of her men kinfolk while white folks defended themselves in the blockhouse at Nagodoches from an Indian attack.

But the Republican women at the convention have not made any attempt to convince Mrs. Mahoney that their party is the one of progress and that women of Texas should affiliate with it when the Yellow Rose sisters are emancipated.

In computing their assets the women of the convention figure the number of women voters in the United States at 12,500,000. Of this number they say that one-fifth, or 2.500,000, are either affiliated with the suffrage movement or soon will be. With the dark states turning white the women see themselves holding the balance of power, and for that reason they are cau-

power, and for that reason they are cautioning others against making definite promises of political allegiance.

Women To Be
Election Judges

One of the occupations for women that has been suggested, not for the small amount of money involved, but for the probable resultant sterilizing of contaminated conditions, is that women shall act as judges and clerks of elections. The women of the convention say that thousands of women with training as clerks and sterographers would do much better in handling election machinery than men.

That ballot boxes are still stuffed and election returns manipulated in some logalities where a candidate needs more votes to be desired than there are voters willing.

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Special Correspondence to support him, is the understanding of the women, and they say the remedy is to replace the political fossils and precinct crown the half-century fight for the ballot | politicians serving as election officials with alert women who know none of the old po-

> Among the 800 women attending the convention are many who trace their lineage to prominent men and women who have had a part in the making of America. The Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and Daughters of the Confederacy are all liberally represented, and it was women of this class who led the cheers when Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the association, spoke in her opening address of the injustice of a system that made it possible to defeat suffrage for women by using the votes of ignorant foreigners to prevent women whose ancestors developed America from attaining the ballet.

> While the women were assembling it was rumored that marked opposition to the league of nations had been expressed by some of the leaders. Mrs Catt announced that the opposition to the league was not nearly as general as had been reported, and asserted it was not true that a secret meeting had been held to induce some of the opponents of the league to refrain from expressing their disapproval of the plan.

### Susan B. Anthony's

Plans for the next year's convention have already proceeded to the point of deciding that it shall be a Susan B. Anthony centennial and will be held in February with special exercises on the 100th anniversary of

Other plans for the future involve the formation of a league of women voters. The executive committee's recommendations have been accepted by the convention and call for the discontinuance of the six war service committees that have been active during the war.

It was shown by the report of Treasurer Mrs. Rogers that \$107,000 had been subscribed last year for the good of the cause, and it was agreed that an equal amount or more would be needed to carry on the work

St. Louis women exerted themselves to make the leisure hours of delegates pleasant and for the opening days of the convention the weather was on its best behavior.

Never in the history of conventions in St. Louis-and it is recognized as the greatest convention town in the country-was there such a crush as at the victory dinner of the National Suffrage Association at the Hotel Statler. Realizing that all the seats for the dinner had been sold, long before the demand was satisfied every one tried to come early with the result that at 7 o'clock the elevators to the sixteenth floor were filled and emptied every few minutes. As a result the antercom to the banquet hall was soon overcrowded, and then it was not long before the elevators were unable to unload their passengers and, as the doors were opened, the crowd was forced back into them.

It was an exceedingly polite crush, however, and was borne until it was impossible have won any kind words from the women, to bear it longer. Then a St. Louis woman for among the "againsts" that he has asked that the ropes be let down and the

women admitted to the banquet room. "I can't let them down until the patronsses come," declared the usher in charge.

"Then I will let them down," the woman exclaimed, and promptly withdrew the Many of the St. Louis women, prominent

in suffrage work, gave up their seats to the out-of-town delegates, all of whom were

The Wednesday Club opened its doors to the suffragists on Wednesday, with Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany as speaker, and the Woman's Club was hostess on Thursday with Alice Stone Blackwell speaking. The business of the convention is so strictly adhered to that there is very little chance

### Politicians Are Prone To Oppose New Woman's Party

New York Tribune Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, March 28.—The attitude in Washington toward the new "Voters' League," created by the National American Woman Suffrage Association in convention this week in St. Louis, is that the purpose of the new organization is to put forth an "uplift" programme rather than one that is political.

Republicans and Democrats were frank in their disapproval of the plans of the suffrage association when it appeared that their programme aimed at the establishment of a third party, a "woman's party." But the provision that members of the new league could as individuals join and serve the political party of their choice has saved all the women from having to make a choice between the new association and their parties.

To carry out a "woman's programme." The the Voters' League will have behind it the experience of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in its campaigns

the Senate within the next few days, if, as now seems likely, the Senate Codes



Who's Who in Convention

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of age, awaiting trial for murder in the

said Assemblyman Donnelly, "Last

lature of Missouri. That state should be white with black dots, assuming that the Governor will sign the bill.1

Assemblyman M. T. Donnelly, of Brook

lyn, the introducer of the bill, is hopeful

that the measure will be enacted into law.

"I introduced the bill at the last session,"

said Mr. Donnelly, "after reading an article

in The Tribune urging that something be

done to save Paul Chapman, a more child

just turned sixteen, from the electric chair.

The bill was passed then, as now, by the

Assembly, but was lost in the final rush of

bills on the Senate side in the closing hours

of the session. I am confident, however,

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through its vote for the bill, which

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then it was a foregone conclusion that her claims to pulchritude were slim. And if she were fair to gaze upon, she couldn't possibly possess so prosaic and practical a thing as gray matter. But here are women, delegates to the

National American Woman Suffrage Association, who have both brains and

In the upper left-hand corner is Mrs. Guilford Dudley, of Nashville, Tenn., expresident of the Tennessee State Suffrage Association and third vice-president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. She is a woman in whom it is said the traditional beauty and charm of the Southerner is added to the keen intelligence and social conscience which go to make an ideal suf-frage worker. Her work as state chair-man of the Tennessee Women's Liberty Loan Committee has brought her much praise from the national officials.

The lady in the upper centre is Mrs. David O'Neil. She has served as president of the Equal Suffrage League and is first vice-president of her state association. She is the member from Missouri on the Woman's Committee of the National Democratic Committee. At present Mrs. O'Neil is chairman of the Legislative Committee and spends most Legislative Committee and spends most of her time in Jefferson City. She is considered one of the most beautiful

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Assemblyman Asks Women to Save 1

ALBANY, March 27 .- It is in the hands of

women, Assemblyman Donnelly declares, to

repeal the death penalty for minors in this

state. The Donnelly bill amends Section

1045 of the Penal law by adding to the man-

date that murder in the first degree is pun-

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Staff Correspondence

Child From Death

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now enjoy. She is now chairman of the Woman's National Republican Committee. Mrs. McCormick is a daughter of Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio. A typical "home-loving" sort of wom-

right hand, is Miss Mabel Connor, daughter of one of Maine's former Governors, Selden Connor. In spite of the fact that she is so good to look upon, she is president of the Maine Woman Suffrage Association. Miss Connor is a young young of many interests a force young woman of many interests, a fore-most mover in the American Red Cross and of the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals, "I find that there are three stages of this suffrage question," she says; "violent opposition, ridicule, and then a willingness to talk it over." Maine has just granted its women Presidential suffrage, as seen in the man below.

If one was born in Kentucky one jus attrally has to be beautiful to uphold the standards of the Blue Grass State of fair women. And Mrs. John Glover South, who completes the above sextet of brainy, brilliant and beautiful sufragist, fulfils all traditions so far as appearance is concerned. The record of

nois the large measure of suffrage they

an is Mrs. Andreas Ueland, wife of Judge Andreas Ueland, of Minneapolis. She is the mother of seven children, she is the mother of seven children, three girls and four boys, several of whom have already taken their places in the world as useful, well trained men and women. Mrs. Ueland was the first vice-president of the first woman's civic organization in Minneapolis and was instrumental in bringing about many needed reforms. She has been president of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Associ-ation for years and says: "Of all the honors which have been offered me by the women of my city none appeals to me as does this one. If I can be, in any small way, instrumental in gaining the franchise for the women of Minnesota, I shall feel that I have been allowed to

# "Invisible Army" of Women Doesn't Want to Go Home!

By Hannah Mitchell

WASHINGTON, March 27 .- Thousands of girl war workers have left their jobs since the armistice was signed. And it is said that outgoing trains from Washington for the 31st of March have been sold out for weeks. It is the last day the government will furnish railroad fare for the war workers who resign.

Not more than 10 per cent of these girls want to go home. In the efforts that are being made by the replacement branch of the U. S. Employment Service and organizations supplementing its work, it has been found that home is the last place on earth most of the young women want to go. They have had a taste of adventure and they believe that their one chance for travel and independence lies in finding jobs as far away from home as

Girls who have lived in New England all their lives aspire to work in Detroit or San Francisco, girls from the West want to try some Eastern city, and above all girls from East, West, North and South want to work in New York. Those who are now in Washington announce that they see no reason why Washington should not serve as a stepping stone to New York.

#### Anywhere but Home Again!

An incident is told by women of the Employment Service which they say wakened them to the situation. An employer in Gloversville, N. Y., wrote to Washington for a private secretary, offering \$25 a week and short hours. With great pains the Employment Service sought a girl from Gloversville. They believed the job was ideal for a girl who could live at home and congratulated themselves when at last they found a war worker, a stenographer, from Gloversville. In her refusal of the job the young lady from Gloversville gave them the clew to what their troubles were going

"That's the last place on earth I want to go. Give the place to some girl who has never been in Gloversville and send me to San Francisco, if you have a place there."

Small towns in general, whether they be their home towns or not, do not stand well with the girl workers. They say that they will work for \$15 a week in New York rather than \$30 a week in a small town.

Among the ble clerks and stenographers who came to the Capital during the war to serve their country are thousands of rebellious school teachers. In spite of the efforts being made to attract them back to their pre-war jobs they have broken away from the routine of their cramped lives and practically all of them say they

#### Prefer Selling Ribbons To Teaching

is lift vice-president of her state association. She is the member from Missouri on the Woman's Committee of the
National Democratic Committee. At
present Mrs. O'Neil is chairman of the
Legislative Committee and spends most
of her time in Jefferson City. She is
considered one of the most beautiful
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Nat The problem of the school teacher is not in Washington are not getting as much York giving freely of the money as they did in their schools. But service to the soldiers most of them say that they prefer the business life of a "regular job" to school

> "The lack of freedom in personal life is one of the impossible phases of school teaching," said one school teacher in Washington. "In these government jobs we are supervised only by the civil service. As school teachers we are supervised by the parents of every child that goes to our school and the matter of our attending a dance or dining out with a man is looked into by every one in the school district. I would rather stand behind a ribbon counter than go back to school teaching."

> No accurate statistics on the number of girls employed by the army or navy are available. This "invisible army," as England called its women war workers, is scattered over the country and enlisted in all kinds of service. The Replacement Bureau of the Department of Labor is working in all parts of the country to get the women war workers into jobs in civil life.

The latest plan of the employment service is that of having a national "get a job" week, in which all organizations will help the service by placing the women in industry as well as the men. Women's clubs and the War Camp Community Service have been called upon already to supplement the work of the Replacement Bureau and cqoperate with local employment officers.

#### No One Is Disbanding The Invisible Army

Marguerite Mitchell, of New York, is in charge of the replacement work in Washington. Recently she sent a letter to the head of the War Camp Community Service suggesting the way in which supervisors of the War Camp Community could serve the employment service. War Camp Community Service has the personal touch with the quarted laws this mere slip of a child, who I war workers and can urge the girls to make but what any real man or woman would | applications to the employment service. expect his or her daughter to do, can be Every camp that is closed means that hundreds of war workers will be thrown upon the labor market, and it is the effort of the possible for the Assembly to put through | employment service to be ready to absorb my bill last year, can be of service again them at once.

The navy has more than 10,000 girls employed at various camps as yeowomen. Nothing has been done yet to disband them, year these women responded nobly to the but the end of their work is in sight. The appends in The Tribune. Now they have a following letter was sent to the Navy Deworthier cause. There is now a little partment this week by the women's division shrinking child, a mere girl, fourteen years of the employment service:

"It is suggested that a bulletin be isfirst degree, who, if convicted, will be sen- | sued to the commanding officer of the vatenced to die in the electric chair. Her | rious naval training stations where women 'crime' was to slay a man who attempted | are now employed, requesting them to adan offence which is punishable by death in vise all women now under their direction many of our states. The situation is a who are subject to release to register at "We have even a more pitiable case be- travesty on twentieth century civilization. the nearest United States Employment Ser-Committee, of which Charles W. Walton, fore us now than that of Chapman. I refer Will the fathers and mothers of the state vice office, where every effort will be made to the case of the fourteen-year-old Italian tolerate the continuance of this relic of to find them suitable positions."

in a letter to the director general of the

employment service the women's division

"A large number of women now employed in the army camps and naval stations are now subject to release, and it is particularly desirable that positions be found for them as soon as possible after they apply at our local offices

### To Industrialize

"A list of the supervisors and the head workers of the War Camp Community Service, located in the various cities and states, is inclosed herewith, and it is suggested that local examiners be instructed to get in touch with these women who have pledged their fullest cooperation in helping to obtain positions for the released employes referred to above.

"The women who are released from the camps will be instructed to call immediately at the local office of the United States Employment Service nearest their homes, and it is expected that the most careful attention will be given to these applicants." Many states are making special efforts to

meet problems with regard to employment of ex-war workers. Pennsylvania is conducting a training course for women examiners along the lines

of the training recently given supervisors in Washington. New York is experimenting in coopera-tion with the Y. W. C. A. and Board of Edu-

cation on a plan to industrialize domestic service. Women who are not readily fitted into available jobs are referred to night courses in various forms of this work. Connecticut, through its assistant to the

Federal Director and New Haven Community Labor Board, had the Minute Women and the Motor Corps of women put on a two-day campaign, January 27 and 28, canvassing the mercantile and banking sections of the city to find employment for returning war workers, men and wome

### Y. M. C. A. Women Ban Corned Beef For Soldiers

There's a restaurant in our town where 51,591 men were fed in a single month and where corned beef and cabbage appeared on the menu only once, and lamb not at all.

Because the customers get all of those

staples they want in military camps, and the women of the Y. M. C. A. aim to please in their Eagle Hut in Bryant Park. And their record is that one out of three fighting men who passed through the but's swinging doors in February patrenized the Back in the spring of 1918 Mrs. Maynard,

who lived at 114 East Fortieth Stree, service to the soldiers and sailors, but since the armistice was signed many have resigned or reported only intermittently for the performance of their duties.

"This is just the worst time for a letting down of our efforts," said Mrs. Maynard vesterday. "You can see that by watching the crowds who come here for the web come home which we give them. Since the armistice was signed Eagle Hut has bees enlarged to three times its original site, and even now we are hard put to meet all emergencies. Our records show that 154.773 men in uniform sought our hospitality in January. It is easy to see what kind of reception they would have got in our former

"For many months our work must be continued. The majority of the women who have aided the Y. M. C. A. in this undertaking have found canteen service most satisfying, and they agree that now is not the time to leave war service with ragged edges. The soldiers and sailors have done a clean job and they are so appreciative of what we try to do for them that we must not shirk our responsibilities.

"I'll admit that the work is hard. There is seldom an hour of the day when a throng of our boys aren't hungry or writing letters, getting checks cashed and buying money orders, obtaining free or cut-rate theatre tickets or swarming about Miss Katharine Lyon and her associates in the needle and thread department. In January sewing was done for 1,764 men, and how they do appreciate having a button made fast or a rip caught up. It's work, of course, but it is also a privilege.

"We need more volunteer workers at once, especially for the shift which goes on at 7:30 o'clock in the morning and is relieved at 11:30. This means getting up pretty early in the morning once or twice a week, but haven't our boys been putting up with all sorts of inconveniences for us!

Yesterday was chicken dinner day, and it was easy to see there was going to be plenty of it, for although it was early in the day, some one was 'phoning to say she didn't think 400 pounds was enough.

As it is with the chicken so, say the women, it is with everything at Eagle Hut-There is always enough. When the old hut proved too small the Y. M. C. A. enlarged it. Sleeping accommodations take care of 4.500 men a month. Twenty-five thousand letters and cards are written in Eagle Hull every week, and one three-cent stamp sold per half minute. In January the "Y" cashed checks and exchanged foreign menty for American to a total of \$58,740, of which \$10,417.52 was turned back at the counter where postoffice money orders are sold Seven thousand cut-rate theatre tickets were sold and 2,705 boys got free tick-ts

which had been contributed through the

"Y" by their friends.